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Sustainability Plan Development Training - A Huge Success

ICCSV hosted a training workshop on "Sustainability Plan Development" on December 13th & 14th and it was a huge success. The facilitators for the training included staff from the Ohio Community Service Council, Miami University, and three (3) Ohio Program Directors. ICCSV Commissioner, Ann Marie Thomson, provided welcoming comments and an overview of the ICCSV sustainability process. The training session was designed to assist AmeriCorps grantees through the process of developing a sustainability plan for their respective programs. Dr. Robert Seufert from the Miami University Applied Research Center will review individual plans and provide follow-up to the grantees.

AmeriCorps Funds Availability

The ICCSV announces the availability of funds through the Corporation for National and Community Service to support the new Indiana AmeriCorps programs to begin in August and September of 2002. Indiana AmeriCorps is a national service program, similar to a domestic Peace Corps, that involves individuals (members) in "getting things done" in their community. Any non-profit, local or state agency may apply to have 10 or more AmeriCorps members address challenges in education, human needs, public safety, and environment. AmeriCorps members must engage in direct service such as tutoring students, building nature trails, assisting the homebound elderly, or setting up neighborhood crime watch programs. Sponsoring organizations must pay a 15% non-federal cash match for living allowances and a 33% cash match or in-kind match for training, supervision, and administration. Education Award Only applications are also available for new programs. The process for the Request for Proposals is available on the website at: www.IN.gov/iccsv. **The letter of intent must be submitted to the ICCSV by January 4, 2002 and the application is due not later than February 1st.** For further information, please contact Amber Roos at 317-233-0900 or via email at aroos@dwd.state.in.us.

Program Officer Position Fulfilled by Carey Craig

On January 7th our new Program Officer, Carey Craig, will be joining the ICCSV team. Carey will be responsible for management and oversight of the Learn & Serve grants, disability outreach and the Indiana Youth Commission for Service and Leadership. Some of you may know Carey, as he previously served as a Governor's Fellow at the ICCSV in 1998. We look forward to all that he will bring to the ICCSV team. Carey's direct line will be 317-232-2504.

Youth Legislative Breakfast

On Wednesday, January 9, 2002, the Indiana Youth Commission on Service and Leadership along with the Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism, the Governor's Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving, the Governor's Commission for a Drug-Free Indiana, and the Indiana Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking will be hosting the annual Youth Legislative Breakfast at the Statehouse Rotunda. The events begin at 8:00 a.m. and continue on until 11:00 a.m. This is an excellent opportunity for youth from all over Indiana to meet face to face with their elected officials. Youth will discuss such issues as violence, youth voice in schools, alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues that affect youth. Also, youth will learn about how to participate in the legislative process. If you would like to participate, or if you would like additional information, please contact Alysha Jones at 317-233-0902 or by email at ajones@dwd.state.in.us.

Upcoming Board Meeting on January 10th

The next ICCSV Board Meeting will be on Thursday, January 10, 2002 at the IUPUI Conference Center, Room 102. The meeting will be from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Prior to the Board Meeting, the board members, staff, and identified stakeholders will meet from 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. regarding the Unified State Plan Strategy. For more information, please contact Brandy Wood at 317-232-2503 or via email at bwood@dwd.state.in.us.

Office of Inspector General Update

The ICCSV was notified over a year ago that the Office of Inspector General (OIG) will conduct an audit of the ICCSV. The entrance conference is scheduled on Thursday, January 17th, with Luise Jordan, Inspector General, ICCSV staff and DWD staff. The audit will be conducted by Cotton & Company LLP beginning in February 2002. ICCSV will post "OIG Updates" in the Friday Night Fax and through e-mail as needed. If you have questions, please contact Amber Roos at 317-233-0900 or by e-mail at aroos@dwd.state.in.us or Karyn Romer at 317-233-0901 or by e-mail at kromer@dwd.state.in.us.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Events and Celebration

The Peace Learning Center, the Center for Applied Spirituality, and the Indiana Youth Commission on Service and Leadership will be hosting a Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday celebration, workshops, and service projects. The events will take place January 20 - 21, 2002 at the Colts Training Facility in Indianapolis, with overnight accommodations at Camp Jameson. The purpose of this event is to educate, motivate, and empower youth to successfully implement a community service project in their perspective communities. In addition, the students will spend the weekend engaged in workshops and service projects that will increase their awareness of the issues that Dr. King addressed. Regional teams of 2 - 4 youth, and 1 - 2 adult mentors are currently being recruited, with a \$10 registration fee per participant. Please contact Alysha Jones at 317-233-0902 or at ajones@dwd.state.in.us for a registration packet or for more information.

Unified State Plan Meeting on January 24th

Three years ago, the ICCSV convened a number of stakeholders to develop a statewide plan of action for service in Indiana. This plan was a successful effort that demonstrated the energy that can be found when a small group of people set out to meet a goal. Building upon that success, the ICCSV would like to reconvene organizations involved in the initial planning process and to expand participation of additional service providers throughout the state to begin addressing the next steps for the Unified State Plan. This initial meeting is scheduled to convene on Thursday, January 24th at the Indianapolis Children's Museum Main Board Room, Level 3 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Be a leader in your field and help guide the ICCSV in what the focus in service should be for the next three years. Please submit a copy of your organization's mission statement and an executive summary via e-mail to aroos@dwd.state.in.us or fax it to the ICCSV at 312-233-5660. This information will be reviewed by the ICCSV and assist our planning efforts for this meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Amber Roos at 317-233-0900 or via the email address listed above.

2001 – 2002 Promise Fellow Sites and Tri-State Orientation

The Indiana Promise Fellows will be attending a Tri-State Orientation with other Promise Fellows from Michigan and Ohio in Hillsdale, Michigan from January 31 – February 1, 2002. The Orientation will include seminars on National Identity/AmeriCorps 101 and America's Promise 101/Reporting and Tracking. The breakout sessions will include Working with Youth Volunteers and Youth Volunteer Programs, Promise Professionals/Organization Skills 101, and Volunteer Recruitment and Management. For more information, please contact Brandy Wood at 317-232-2503 or via email at bwood@dwd.state.in.us.

Got Your 2016 Calendar?

If you could use a new wall calendar, you might enjoy one from Indiana 2016. (The calendars are actually for the year 2002, not for the year 2016 as the name might imply.) However, they are produced by Indiana 2016, a statewide endeavor headed by First Lady Judy O'Bannon promoting efforts by citizens to make their communities better places. The initiative takes its name from the state's bicentennial in 2016 and encourages communities to set goals for the future and to unite to make them a reality. The calendars spotlight volunteerism and serve as a reminder of important celebrations and observances volunteers may wish to recognize. Made possible by the generosity of the Community Bankers Association, the calendars are available from any member bank or through the Indiana 2016 office. Call program director Jennifer Swenson at 317-283-8175 to reserve a copy.

2002 Conference on Service-Learning Call for Presenters

The Civic Literacy Project is pleased to announce that their annual Conference on Service-Learning is to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana on March 7, 2002. The theme for the 2002 conference is Service-Learning: Connecting Schools and Communities. The conference is intended for K-16 educators and students, AmeriCorps volunteers, and community based organizations interested in participating in informative and interactive workshops that fit into the following strands: Service-Learning Skill Development, Program Management, Partnerships in Service-Learning, Youth Service and Leadership, School Reform and Service-Learning, or special topics for Roundtable discussions. Registration information can be found on the web at <http://serve.indiana.edu>.

Service Learning Grant Monies Available

Service Learning Grants are available. The Indiana Youth Commission for Service and Leadership (IYCL) has received funds for Service Learning Grants. The monies from these grants have been secured by the Indiana Commission on Community Service and Volunteerism (ICCSV) via the Corporation for National Service, and these grants are to be used to fund service projects that offer an opportunity for participants to learn valuable skills. Funds may be used to promote community service projects, and enable non-profit organizations to utilize community service as an educational tool. For more information regarding these grants please call **888-335-9490** or e-mail us at iccsv@state.in.us.

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Important Deadlines and Upcoming Events

Youth Legislative Breakfast – State House Rotunda	January 9, 2002
ICCSV Board Meeting	January 10, 2002
Periodic Expense Report for Period Ending Dec 31 st	January 10, 2002
Financial Status Report for Period of Oct 1 st through Dec 31 st	January 10, 2002
Entrance Conference for the Office of Inspector General	January 17, 2002
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Workshop for Youth	January 20 – 21, 2002
Unified State Plan Meeting	January 24, 2002
Program Directors' Conference Call	January 24, 2002
Tri-State Orientation for Promise Fellows with Michigan & Ohio	January 31 – February 1, 2002
Periodic Expense Report for Period Ending January 31 st	February 11, 2002
Progress Report (from Start Date through Dec. 31 st)	February 15, 2002
AAR for Program Year - Complete in WBRS using APR	February 15, 2002
AmeriCorps Promise Fellows Conference Call	February 22, 2002

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